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HONOR ◆ COURAGE ◆ INTEGRITY



Keeping your Pets Safe & Healthy

It takes only minutes for a pet left inside a vehicle on a warm day to succumb to heatstroke and suffocation. Even on a 78 degree day, temperatures inside a parked car in the shade can exceed 90 degrees and hit a scorching 160 degrees if parked in the sun. Rolling down a window or parking in the shade doesn't guarantee protection, and rolling down the window sufficiently can allow the pet to escape.

Precautions:

- Leave your pet at home on warm days.
- On trips with your pet, make sure to take plenty of fresh drinking water and a bowl.
- Don't let dogs ride loose in pick-up truck beds.
- Take your pet into the shade, an air conditioned area, or to the Vet if you see signs of heat exhaustion.

The Following is a portion of Chapter 42 of the Texas Penal Code:

Sec. 42.092. CRUELTY TO NONLIVESTOCK ANIMALS.

b) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly:

(3) fails unreasonably to provide necessary food, water, care, or shelter for an animal in the person's custody;

(4) abandons unreasonably an animal in the person's custody;

(c) An offense under Subsection (b)(3), (4), (5), (6), or (9) is a Class A misdemeanor.



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